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When bubbly eleventh-grader Eimi Yamashita finds out that her parents are relocating for work, she decides to strike out on her own and move into a dormitory for girls. Little does Eimi suspect the exciting romantic adventures that await her there!

As winter sets in at the dorms and the boys hog all the electricity, Shimonuki continues his quest to win Eimi's heart. She agrees to a date but they both end up confessing to Wanibuchi. Despite Wanibuchi's commitment to another woman, Eimi can't stop loving him. What will she do if Wanibuchi moves back to Mexico?!

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Kricket says

this book taught me that, in manga, nosebleeds are used to symbolize powerful lust. OMG. awesome.

Avery Engstrom says

I just. I just love Eimi so much xD

Racquel says

Eimi is so funny

Estara says

Winter comes to the dorms and the first chapter is just a bit of shenanigans to set-up the cold. In the second one Eimi supposedly gets cursed by entering a forbidden room (which at the end of the chapter ends up being just a rumor), so a lot of mishaps happen to her.

One of them ends her with a swollen wrist sent to her room so nothing else can happen. A passing Wanibuchi realizes she won't be able to wash her hair so he springs her from the dorm (it really highlights their height difference and makes him look like her dad :P) to take her to his girlfriend so she can get her hair washed.

His girlfriend makes it clear (to the reader, if not to the oblivious Eimi) that this level of care is totally unlike what Taka would spend on his women, so she envies Eimi.

The next chapter is another step forward in the mystery of what Taka actually thinks. Eimi, inspired by the design of the flat where Taka's girlfriend lives, invites herself to same to get some inspirations for remodeling her and Misao's room. When the lady leaves, and Eimi realizes that Taka is there (and Simone just happens to call her and hear about that ^^), suddenly all four end up dining there.

The talk turns to the future and Waka announces that he wants to go back to Mexiko when he finishes school. Here's Eimi's second chance to shine: none of the other two know what to say to that, but she simply says that he shouldn't go because she would miss him. She makes him promise to stay... and he does. And we realize that what Taka actually wants is someone who shows that he is important in her life and does not slink around his dark and dour attitude.

To offset that dramatic and angsty realisation, we get a lovely comedy inset with worried Simone blurting a confession to Eimi, which she sunnily accepts ^^ . Throwing him into total confusion. There are the dorm residents shining Eimi up, there's the total incomprehensibility of what she likes on a date, and there's

grumpy Wanibuchi in the background...

... who gets told what happened in detail by a cheerful Eimi right after the date ^^ (while he's fresh from the bath and only wearing a towel, this time - Matsumoto does major female fan service, as she's well aware), because she can't think why she shouldn't talk it over with Wanichin, she usually does stuff like that with her day.

Then, shortly before she becomes unimportant :P, we get the backstory of Taka's lover, Keito and him. With a lovely thread of a song running through her attraction to him "You make me feel like a Natural Woman".

But the next chapter sets up the emotional switch to the next volume, which Eimi having a dream of Taka crying. It makes her seek him out (there's a lovely highlight to the fact that she treats him like her possession, without any of the distance his attitude or beauty bring to others). Since she doesn't want to study alone in the library, she just asks him to stay, and he indulges her.

Both are in the library because it's exam time and Taka studies for real for the first time because he doesn't want his father to be notified by the teachers if he should slack, so we get some more about the unhappy household he comes from. We also get Eimi just hugging him for comfort, and him feeling comforted.

Destiny says

Loved the series

Nidah (SleepDreamWrite) says

This volume had some cute moments. I guess I kind of like the series. At first I thought it was going to be an okay series. It kind of is but kind of has moments where its good. Good volume.

Winna says

Skimming through..

Dexter says

Plot progression! Eimi! Wanibuchi!! Yay!!

I feel very sorry for Simone, but I unashamedly worship Eimi/Wanichin. And so much happens in this volume. Makes my little heart go pitter patter.
